

GREAT is Missouri! Nor is there anything small about the 200,000,000-bushel corn crop that will be gathered in her borders in the next few months.

If the person who did it will let us know who he is, we will thank him for the mail bag full of public documents recently sent to this office from Washington City.

A member of the state legislature says that the Wainwright game law would not have received 15 votes if the members had thought for a moment that citizens would have to get a license to hunt in their own county. He further says that the manner in which the law is being construed now will make it so unpopular that the Supreme court will declare it unconstitutional.—Poplar Bluff Citizen.

**Worries 'Em.**  
The republican newspapers of the state are very much worked up over the proposed "democratic harmony gathering."

Well may they be. The people of Missouri have undergone an experience that they do not want repeated. Democrats have forgotten the bitterness of the last preliminary campaign and it is now only necessary to get together and organize compactly for battle.

This will be done and a sweeping victory next year will be the result.—Hannibal Journal.

THERE was something else that went with the punishment of United States Senator Mitchell than the mere fine and short term of imprisonment imposed on him by the court. Under the law he is rendered incapable of holding again any office of trust or profit. It is taken that this excludes him from the senate. If so then the punishment is not so lenient as it appears, for it practically shuts him out of all political preference. From a point of prominence he is plunged into obscurity. But it is right that it should be so. A man who does not maintain faith towards the government and his opportunity in life has no right to a position of honor and trust in the government.—Poplar Bluff Citizen.

**A Lawless Republican.**  
The Missouri State Republican boasts the largest circulation of any weekly republican paper in the state, "carrying" it says, "its valuable information into each of the 114 counties every week." The pages of the Republican are devoted almost exclusively to a defense of lawlessness in the state. Its abuse of Gov. Folk and his policy of law-enforcement takes up most of the editor's time. Violations of the gambling laws, the Sunday closing laws, and in effect every other law against crime, are upheld and encouraged by this paper claiming to represent republicanism in Missouri. The editorial page of the State Republican reads as though the editor's "sanctum" was on the saw-dust covered floor of some liquor brothel.—Jackson Cash-Book.

## ALFALFA.

(A WEEKLY AGRICULTURAL LETTER)

Alfalfa is probably one of the most valuable plants for feeding live stock that is grown in this country. There are so many kinds of grain, grasses and legumes adapted to the soil and climate of Missouri that have supplied our wants for feeding our live stock and hence but little attention has been given to growing alfalfa in this state. However, it has been grown in a small way in nearly every section of the state, and the area is being largely increased every year. It has been demonstrated by the experiment stations that a ton of first-class alfalfa hay is almost equal in value to a ton of bran for the purpose of feeding growing pigs, calves, colts or lambs, or for feeding milk cows or breeding sows and ewes. The dairymen of the eastern states have learned the great value of alfalfa and are feeding ground alfalfa hay, called alfalfa meal, in preference to wheat bran.

Alfalfa may be produced in Missouri at a cost of \$5 to \$6 per acre. Bran usually costs from \$12 to \$18 per ton. Thus it will be seen that there is an enormous profit in growing alfalfa to take the place of bran. In addition to this profit the land upon which the alfalfa grew is richer in nitrogen and will produce a much heavier crop of corn or wheat than other land not growing alfalfa. The Wyoming experiment station has found that land previously in alfalfa produced from \$9 to \$12 more value in wheat per acre and \$16 worth of potatoes more than land previously cultivated in potatoes or

grain. The alfalfa was not turned under but was taken off for hay for a period of five years.

**KIND OF SOIL NECESSARY.**—While alfalfa thrives best on an alkaline soil full of humus with a porous sub-soil it will produce fairly well on most of the well drained soils of this state. It will not be profitable to sow it on a soil with a hard pan or impervious clay sub-soil. It will not do well on land that is acid, that is, land the farmers call sour land, but the acid soil if it is well drained may be prepared for alfalfa by sowing from 1000 to 2000 pounds of pulverized lime stone per acre or about one half the amount of air slacked lime. It is preferable, however, to use the ground lime stone which may be bought at the mills for about \$1 per ton f. o. b.

**TESTING THE SOIL FOR ACIDITY.**—The farmer can determine whether his soil is acid by the litmus paper test. Buy five cents worth of blue litmus paper from the drug store. Take a small amount of soil from the field, put it in a saucer, moisten with rain water to the consistency of thick paste, then with clean dry hands take two or three strips of the litmus paper, after making an opening in the wet soil with a knife insert one end of the litmus paper in the opening and close up the soil. After the paper remains in the soil for a few hours remove it carefully, wash off the soil adhering and if the blue paper has turned decidedly red it indicates an acid condition of the soil and indicates the need of lime. If the paper has not turned red your soil probably does not need lime.

**PREPARING THE SOIL FOR SOWING.**—While good stands of alfalfa have been secured at different seasons from the first of April until the first of October probably the safest time to sow is from August 15 to September 20. The land should be thoroughly plowed as if for wheat and it would be better to have the land plowed in July. As soon as it has been plowed it should be thoroughly pulverized and compacted as deep as it has been plowed. It is not sufficient to work with a light harrow and produce a smooth surface on top. Be sure to pulverize the soil with a cultivator or disc harrow and then work the soil with harrow, drag or roller until a perfect seed bed is secured.

The next letter will treat of the inoculation of the soil, sowing the seed and caring the hay.

**GOD SEED NECESSARY.**—After preparing the soil thoroughly as advised above, sow the seed at any time after August 15, and not later than September 20, that there is sufficient moisture to germinate the seed. It is very important to secure seed clear of weeds. I would advise getting the seed thru some reliable seed dealer. Home grown or Kansas grown seed will probably suit Missouri conditions best. Sow 18 to 20 pounds per acre either broadcast or with a press drill, covering lightly with a harrow if sown broadcast.

**INOCULATION OF SOIL OR SEED.**—Numerous experiments have demonstrated that some of the soils of Missouri do not naturally possess the bacteria which are essential to the growth of alfalfa. Unless alfalfa has been successfully raised on like soil in the neighborhood the safest plan will be to inoculate either the seed or the soil. If it is desired to inoculate the seed application for the material should be made by letter to the Bureau of Plant Industry, Washington, D. C., stating how much seed is to be sown. The directions for using the material will be sent with the package and should be closely followed. The soil may be inoculated by sowing on the field about 200 pounds of soil taken from a field where alfalfa has been successfully grown, or what will do as well soil taken from a field where sweet clover is growing. To avoid getting weed seeds scrape off a little of the top soil, then take up the soil to a depth of four or five inches. This inoculated soil should be spread over the field to be sown as evenly as possible. It may be sown broadcast by hand or may be mixed with manure and spread with the manure spreader, and should be incorporated with the soil by running a harrow over the field after it has been spread.

**WINTER KILLING.**—The plants may be killed by hard freezing unless they are large enough to become hardy, hence, the seeding should not be delayed. The field should not be pastured the first year as the top growth is necessary for winter protection. The following spring when the plants get about eight inches high it will help them to run the mower over the field which will put back the weeds and

will cause the alfalfa to break out and get a better root growth.

The next letter will discuss the time of harvesting, method of curing the hay and the value of the hay compared with other feeds.

Geo. B. Ellis,  
Secretary Board of Agriculture.

## Murder and Suicide.

Will Earl shot and killed his sister-in-law in her home at Portageville August 11, and then ran from the house and turned the deadly revolver on himself, sending a bullet thru his heart. She left a husband, and he a wife and six children. Their sinful, shameful conduct and, probably, the fact that he was insane at times brought about the horrible crimes.

## County Court Proceedings.

County court met pursuant to adjournment Monday, August 14, 1905, with all members present, and the following proceedings were had:

J. C. Ridings and J. M. Lincoln approved as additional security to school fund bond of John R. Farmer.

G. N. West approved as additional security to J. R. Thurston's school fund bond.

A. S. Ramsey approved as additional security to J. A. Chubb's school fund bond.

J. Monroe Hindman approved as additional security to Martha E. and A. S. Ramsey's school fund bonds.

Commissioner's report on survey of change of public road petitioned for by B. S. Murray, et al., approved.

Commissioner's report of survey of change of public road petitioned for by J. M. Shrum, et al., ordered approved.

Commissioner's report on survey of change of public road petitioned for by J. J. Long, F. M. Cole, A. B. Long, et al., ordered approved.

Commissioner's location of Cape Girardeau and Zalma public road, petitioned for by commissioners of road district No. 10, ordered approved.

Commissioner's report on survey of new public road petitioned for by L. C. Smith, et al., approved.

Commissioner's report on survey of new public road petitioned for by D. Robinson, et al., approved.

Cause of new public road petitioned for by J. S. Dennis, et al., continued.

Cause of change of public road petitioned for by H. J. Murray, et al., continued.

Cause of change of public road petitioned for by Jesse Phillips, et al., continued.

Cause of change of public road petitioned for by James M. Hindman, et al., continued.

Cause of change of public road petitioned for by Wayne Brazier, et al., continued.

Account of P. C. Lambert for \$50 for building bridge in Liberty township, disallowed.

Prof. W. A. Davault allowed \$10 for making annual report to state superintendent of public schools.

Resignation of W. F. Burcham as member of board of commissioners of road district No. 5 accepted, and John A. McPherson appointed to fill vacancy.

Sheriff ordered to expose for sale at the September term of Circuit court, 40 acres of school land, nels of nels, 16-24-S.

T. S. Baker allowed \$16 for care of himself and family.

L. J. Grimsley allowed \$4 on account of \$7.50 for coffin furnished for burial of Mrs. Sherwood.

Change of public road petitioned for by James M. Hindman, et al., ordered surveyed.

New public road petitioned for by George Rhodes, et al., ordered surveyed.

J. Monroe Hindman and Hiram Fowler approved as additional security to David G. Border's school fund bond.

J. Monroe Robins allowed \$125, quarterly salary as prosecuting attorney.

Clerk ordered to certify order of court to secretary of state for issue of patent to G. C. Mungle, 40 acres of school land, sw 1/4 of the nels, 16-31-10.

Delilah Justice allowed \$8 for care of self.

Mary Wilson allowed \$17 for care of self and daughter.

Dorrie Dixon allowed \$10 for care of self.

W. H. Williams allowed \$15 for care of Ora Imman.

Daniel Rhodes allowed \$13 for care of Henry Rhodes.

Mary Zoleman allowed \$8 for care of her father.

Jacob Crites allowed \$10 for care of self and family.

Henry Bollinger allowed \$10 for care of his sister.

and J. H. Richardson; Liberty township, F. M. Snider, Sr., and Nathan Finch; Filmore township, Rufus Resa; Crooked Creek township, P. E. Shell; Union township, Z. A. O'Kelley; Whitewater township, Allen Seabough; German township, Ed. E. Jones.

New road petitioned for by H. J. Murray, et al., ordered surveyed.

School fund bond of Leonard Weiker for loan of \$215 approved.

O. N. West and Lorraine Myers approved as additional security to George W. Condar's school fund bond.

W. L. Baker exempted from labor on public roads for one year.

School fund bond of William W. Wallace for loan of \$35 approved.

School fund bond of J. C. Galaway for loan of \$250 approved.

Missouri school for deaf allowed \$103.05 for care of indigent of county.

Inquest certificate filed by Coroner John K. Smith for \$53.17 for inquest held over the dead body of Moses Wilfong, allowed.

Clerk ordered to certify order of court to State Auditor to draw check in favor of county treasurer, for amount of state school money belonging to Bollinger county.

R. L. Yount appointed superintendent of the poor farm.

C. M. Johnson allowed \$35.90, balance due him on settlement for services as superintendent of poor farm.

School fund bond of Chas. F. Sill for \$200 approved.

John Leonard allowed \$5 for immediate relief.

O. W. Hartford allowed \$5 for temporary relief of Maggie Bush.

Taylor Mercantile Co., allowed \$14.96 for goods furnished paupers and prisoners.

Abstract of fees collected by Sam J. McElroy approved.

The Marble Hill Press allowed \$7 for stationery furnished county clerk's office.

Lutesville Banner allowed \$4.50 for stationery furnished collector's office.

L. B. J. was allowed \$36.60 for services as county judge.

J. A. Yount allowed \$36.20 for services as county judge.

M. S. Gaudish allowed \$65.70 for services as county judge.

Sheriff ordered to receive bids for contract for putting up metal ceiling in the courthouse and report to court September 5, 1905.

J. A. Taylor allowed \$421.19 for making his books.

Abstract of fees collected by County Clerk L. A. Taylor, approved.

R. W. Fisher allowed \$2 for work on courthouse.

P. D. Doss allowed \$1.50 for conveyance furnished county judges to go to court.

School fund bond of T. W. Cooper for loan of \$100 approved.

Wm. Patterson allowed \$125 salary as treasurer and \$36 for office expense.

Treasurer's settlement approved.

Clerk ordered to certify proof of payment for school land by Pioneer Cooperative Company to secretary of state and present patent issue.

Show license levied as follows: For charge of admission of over 50c, \$25; 25c and under 50c, \$10; under 25c, \$2.50.

School fund bond of K. E. Webb for loan of \$200 approved.

S. G. Bodwell allowed \$12 for services as deputy sheriff.

Sheriff D. J. Conrad allowed \$19.50 for services.

Matter of payment of interest by parties refused to pay up continued until September 5, 1905.

County Clerk J. A. Taylor allowed \$135.25 for services and \$8.86 for money expended for office supplies.

William Slover allowed \$5 for temporary relief of self and family.

Clerk ordered to issue 25 merchants' licenses to Collector Henry Elfrank.

Clerk ordered to give notice to public thru The Marble Hill Press and Lutesville Banner that no peddler's licenses have been issued except to one foot peddler since September, 1904.

Order adjourn until September 5, 1905.

**Our Correspondents.**

**Lodge.**  
Some sickness in this vicinity. Marion Greer has typhoid fever. J. F. Miller sold a nice bunch of cattle to John F. Berry of Marble Hill one day last week.

trouble they had in securing a site. Orville Zimmerman is visiting home folks at this writing.

Prayer meeting at the Baptist church every Thursday night and Sunday school every Sunday.

Miss Lulu Bess, an accomplished young lady of Fredericktown, is visiting relatives and friends in Glen Allen and vicinity.

C. L. Talley of Fredericktown, agent for the Jackson Marble Works, was in our town Saturday.

**Castor.**  
News is scarce as hen's teeth this week.

D. E. Bollinger went to Fredericktown Monday to visit his son who is sick.

Our meeting closed Sunday night. Our school is progressing nicely under the care of Miss Norma Whitener. We notice the effect of the compulsory school law.

Mrs. U. F. Kinder visited relatives in Madison county Saturday night and Sunday.

J. A. Rhodes is preparing to erect a new dwelling.

H. B. Whitener, who has been sick the past six weeks, is now slowly recovering.

Master Ernest, son of C. D. Whitener, is on the sick list.

Forest Bollinger, Alonzo Lawrence, Anna Kinder and Guy Bollinger were the guests of Leon Leslie Sunday evening. Leon will leave in a short time for St. Louis.

There is Sunday school at Kinder's chapel every Sunday.

The Twentieth Century Literary Society has been "dead" for some time. It would be the interest of the young people to revive it again.

Forest Bollinger is still afflicted with "heart trouble."

W. D. Bollinger made a business trip to Lutesville last Thursday.

Wheat threshing is over and our farmers are busy plowing for another crop.

Miss Norma Whitener will attend the teachers' examination at Marble Hill next Thursday and Friday.

N. A. Bollinger is having a round with the alkali.

C. H. Bollinger and wife visited at J. B. Rickmans Saturday night and Sunday.

A. T. Whitener contemplates moving to Fredericktown this fall.

**Grassy.**  
DEAR EDITOR—I have been attending a series of meetings the last two weeks and hope you will excuse my absence.

The weather is warm, but occasionally we have rain.

Harrison Cooper moved his family and household goods to McGee's creek last week, where he expects to engage in the mercantile business.

Jeff Robins, our "country jockeyman," seems to have a sleight at "turning them."

Miles Rush and family of Dry creek were visiting at the home of his father-in-law, Rufus Resa, last Sunday.

There is a fair run for some good threshing machine in this section now as part of the wheat on Grassy Perkins and Cane creeks is yet to be threshed.

At this writing Mrs. Cooper, wife of Hon. T. W. Cooper is in poor health, but we hope her sickness will not prove serious.

R. M. Abernathy and family were visiting at the home of his father-in-law, H. W. Myers, Sunday.

Under the friendly hovers and in the presence of a large, attentive audience, Rev. T. W. Cooper and Rev. Henry George preached an excellent funeral sermon to the memory of "Grandma" Eaker, wife of Uncle Peter Eaker, and also to the wife of his son, Hays.

The protracted meeting that is being held near the Gregory schoolhouse by Bro. Henry George has truly been a success. The testimony of thirty converts and reclaimed have been witnessed, and at this writing the meeting is still in progress with much interest manifest.

Again we hear the merry, merry chime of the wedding bells. Last Sunday afternoon, at 4 o'clock, at the home of the bride, Arthur Eaker and Miss Etta Moore were united in the bonds of matrimony.

Rev. Frank Eaker officiating. The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Moore who resides near Buchanan, and the groom is the son of Albert Eaker, a prosperous farmer of near Huxie.

To the happy young couple the writer extends congratulations and wishes them a happy and prosperous life.

**Sheriff's Sale Under General Execution.**  
By virtue and authority of a general writ of execution issued from the office of

the clerk of the Circuit court of Bollinger county, Missouri, to me directed and returned to the September term, 1905, of said court, in favor of Nowell-Shenleigh Hardware Company and against L. O. Hawk, I the undersigned sheriff of Bollinger county, Missouri, have levied upon and seized all the right, title and interest of said L. O. Hawk in and to the following described real estate, situated in Bollinger county and state of Missouri, to-wit:

All of the southwest quarter of the southwest quarter of section twenty (20), containing forty acres, more or less.

Also, all of the southeast quarter of the northeast quarter of section thirty (30), containing forty acres, more or less; all in township twenty-eight, (28), north of range ten, (10), east, and containing in the aggregate eighty, (80), acres more or less.

And I will on FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 1905, between the hours of nine o'clock in the forenoon and five o'clock in the afternoon of that day, at the north front door of the courthouse in the town of Marble Hill, county of Bollinger, and state of Missouri, sell at public auction, for cash, to the highest bidder, the above described real estate, to satisfy said execution and costs.

D. J. CONRAD,  
Sheriff of Bollinger county.

**Sheriff's Sale Under Transcript Execution.**  
By virtue and authority of a transcript execution issued from the office of the Clerk of the Circuit court of Bollinger county, Missouri, and to me directed, in favor of James M. Houston Grocery Co., and against Ernest Camron, and returnable to the regular September term, 1905, of the Circuit court aforesaid, I have levied upon and seized, as the property of the said Ernest Camron, all of his right, title and interest in and to the real estate in the said execution described and situated in Bollinger county, Missouri, to-wit:

Lot No. one, (1), of the northwest quarter of section six, (6), in township thirty, (30), north of range nine, (9), east, containing eighty, (80), acres, more or less.

And I will, on FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 1905, between the hours of nine o'clock in the forenoon and five o'clock in the afternoon of that day, and during the session of Circuit court of the said county of Bollinger, aforesaid, at the north front door of the courthouse in the town of Marble Hill, in the said county of Bollinger, sell said real estate at public sale to the highest bidder for cash in hand, for the purpose of satisfying said execution and costs.

Given under my hand on this 23rd day of August, A. D., 1905.

D. J. CONRAD,  
Sheriff of Bollinger county.

**First Last.**  
Patrick's wife was "ailing," and Patrick put on his Sunday best and walked four miles to the doctor's house to tell him about her.

"Now," said the doctor, when he had heard all Patrick had to say and had prepared some medicine, "here is something for your wife. I've written the directions on the bottle and I want her to try it faithfully for a fortnight. Then, if it doesn't relieve her, come to me again and I will give you another prescription."

"Now, doctor, see here," said Patrick, standing straight and looking grimly at the physician. "If you have your doubts of this curin' Mary, as it's evident you have by the way you spake, why don't you give me first what you're goin' to give me last?"—Ex.

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